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Gk *siphon* tube] : a genus (the type of the family Chamaeophaceae) of one-celled blue-green algae characterized by epiphytic habit and formation of endospores that are released by early breakdowns of the cell wall at the apex and by successive abstraction

cham-ae-sy-ce \chām'ēsē\ n, cap [NL, fr. L, fr. Gk *chamai-*-*sykē*, fr. *chamai-*-chamae- + *sykē* fig tree; fr. *sykōn* fig — more at FIG] in some classifications : a genus of herbs or shrubs (family Euphorbiaceae) now usu. included in the genus *Euphorbia*

cha-ma-fox \chām'fôks\ n [part trans. of NL *Vulpes chama*, fr. *Vulpes* + *chama*, modif. of E *caama*] : CAAMA

cha-mar \chāmär\ n -s often cap [Hindi *camār*, fr. Skt *carmaṇā* leather worker, fr. *carman* skin, leather + *kāra* worker, fr. *kṛṇoti* he does, makes; akin to L *corium* leather — more at CURRASS, KARMA] : a member of a low Indian caste whose caste occupation is leatherworking

cha-ma-rat \chāmārät\ n -s [Hindi *camār*, fr. Skt *camara*] : a fan, typically made of a yak's tail or peacock feathers, used in the Indian subcontinent as a mark of royalty or in temples

cha-ma-ber pl of CHAMBER

cha-ma-ber \chāmāb(r)\ n -s [ME *chambre*, fr. OF, fr. LL *camera*, fr. L, arched roof, fr. Gk *kamara* vault; akin to L *camus* curved, Av *kamārā* girdle] 1 : a room usu. in a house and typically with some special feature or distinguishing characteristic: a : a private room: as (1) : BEDROOM (2) : a room situated above the ground floor of a house b chiefly Brit : a suite of rooms : APARTMENT — used in pl. (he lived in ~s which had once belonged to his deceased partner —Charles Dickens) c South : a ground-floor sitting room usu. furnished with a bed d : chiefly New Eng : a storage room on an upper floor of a house or barn e : the upper level of the inner stage of an Elizabethan playhouse typically used to represent a room of intimate or domestic character — compare STUDY 2 : an enclosed or compartmented space within the body of an animal (anterior and posterior ~s of the eye) 3 : an often large room devoted to some special or unusual purpose (the reception hall, a magnificent ~ two stories high . . . executed in a manner that could be called palatial —Lewis Mumford); a : a hall for the meetings of a deliberative, legislative, or judicial body or assembly (Senate ~) (council ~) b : a chamberlain's office : a treasury or room where government moneys are received and kept c : a room to which a judge retires for consultation (as with opposing counsel) or for official proceedings that may be conducted out of court — usu. used in pl. (Judge Winters entered the courtroom from his ~s —Erle Stanley Gardner) d : the reception room of a person of high rank or authority (the king's audience ~) 4 a : a legislative or judicial body; esp : either of the houses of a bicameral legislature b : a voluntary board or council (as for some business purpose) 5 a obs : a detached plug containing the charge inserted at the breech of heavy firearms b obs : a short cannon that stood on its breech and that was used for celebrations and in the theater c : the part of the bore of a gun that holds the charge — see CANNON illustration d : the part of a firearm toolled to receive the cartridge: as (1) : any of the barrels containing the cartridge in an old revolver (2) : a compartment in the cartridge cylinder of a revolver 6 : an enclosed or compartmented space designed for some special purpose (a dyeing ~) (a gear ~) 7 : a canal lock 8 : CHAMBER POT — chambered adj

2 chamber \chām\ v \chambered; chambered; chambering \chāb(r)ing\ n as if in a chamber: SHELTER, HOUSE, CONFINES

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